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The wheels of time move swiftly and surely. Men come and go and are forgotten. But few, of the many, make such an impression as to leave behind them a record that is long remembered.

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## KEY TO THE GENERATIONS

Each generation is lettered by the alphabet. You can trace your ancestry through the generations by this key.

John Conger is A, his first child is A A, his second child is A B, his second child's first child is A B A.

## Generation I

In 1665 John Conger came from England to Newbury, Mass. On Jan. 12, 1666 he married Mary Kelley, b. in Newbury Feb. 12, 1641, the only daughter of John Kelley.

John Kelley came from Newbury, England to Old Newbury, Mass. with the original founders of the town in 1635. His only other child was a son John Jr. who married Sarah Knight, the daughter of Deacon Richard Knight. John, Jr. and Sarah had five children who had numerous descendants.

The Kelley Ferry operated for many years by father and son was a popular mode of travel in the early days of Newbury.

Daniel Pierce a prominent citizen well known throughout Mass. colony was organizing a group of citizens to move to a newly acquired Province of New Jersey which King Charles had wrested from the Dutch in 1664. In 1667, Pierce with nine associate owners and forty six other men, many with families arrived in New Jersey and founded the township of Woodbridge located on an estuary that flows between Staten Island and the main land and between Rariton and Rahway Rivers. Woodbridge, tradition says, was named for the Presbyterian minister they left back in the Newbury home.

John Conger and his wife Mary and their infant son were among this company. Tradition is, and can be proved by some facts that the Conger family came from Alsace, then A French province, to Holland (the name being Koeniger about the date of the massacre of St. Bartholomew 1572), and then from Holland to England, the name becoming anglicized into the English Conger.

John Conger participated in the first distribution of land at Woodbridge his patent to 170a of land being dated Nov. 18, 1669. He held various offices in the town and was one of the commissioners appointed by the government to prosecute thieves who were cutting timber from the common land.

His wife, Mary, by whom he had eight children d. about 1685, and he was married the second time to Sarah Cawood and they had five children. He d. about 1712 as his will is on the records at Woodbridge, New Jersey, 1712.

GENERATION II

Children:

A A Enos
B Sarah m. Edward Wilkenson
C Joannah (Johanna) m. Joseph Fitz Randolph
A D John b. May 24, 1674
E Elizabeth
F Lediah
G Jonathan b. 1683
H Gershom b. 1685 m. Ann DeSigney
I Joseph b. 1692 m. Mary Marsh
J Job b. 1694 m. Kezziah _____
K Rachel
L Lydia
M Benjamin b. 1700 m. Experience Foord
N Gershom b. 1711

GENERATION III

A D John Conger b. May 24, 1674. He died at Morris's River Salem County, New Jersey about 1727. He married Mary _____

Children:

A Nathaniel
B John _____ d. 1784
C Jonathan b. about 1715, d. March 3, 1779.

Book I of the Conger History in the Library of Congress contains letters, charts, and copies of letters of the descendants of John Conger b. May 24, 1674 as shown under the first letter D.

There is no record of the son Nathaniel or any of his descendants, only that a Nathaniel Conger in 1758 enlisted in captain Thomas Williams Queens County, company in the service of the colony of New York.

John Conger A D B lived in Pennypack, East Jersey until about 1745 when he removed with his family to Rowan county, North Carolina. Quite a complete record of his descendants is available, known as the Southern branch.

Jonathan A D C b. about 1715 left a will dated March 2, 1779, naming his descendants, his sons John and Jonathan, daughter Mary and his daughter-in-law, Mary, wife of his deceased son, David.

## GENERATION IV

A D C Jonathan Conger b. about 1715 d. March 3, 1779, lived all his life in Woodbridge, New Jersey, married Ann Enyard, b. at Woodbridge 1717, d. at Cambridge, Washington county, New York, Feb. 13, 1796.

Children:

A Mary m. Richard Taylor or Tyler
B David d. 1778
C John b. 1743 __ d. Sept. 13, 1797, N. Y.
m. Mary Dunham
D Jonathan

All three of the above sons served in the Revolutionary War from Middlesex County, N. J. Ann Enyard, their mother was the daughter of John Enyard a soldier of the Colonial Wars of New York.

GENERATION V

A D C B David Conger was b. at Woodbridge, New Jersey. He died in New Jersey 1778 in the War. He married a widow, Mary Darby Green.

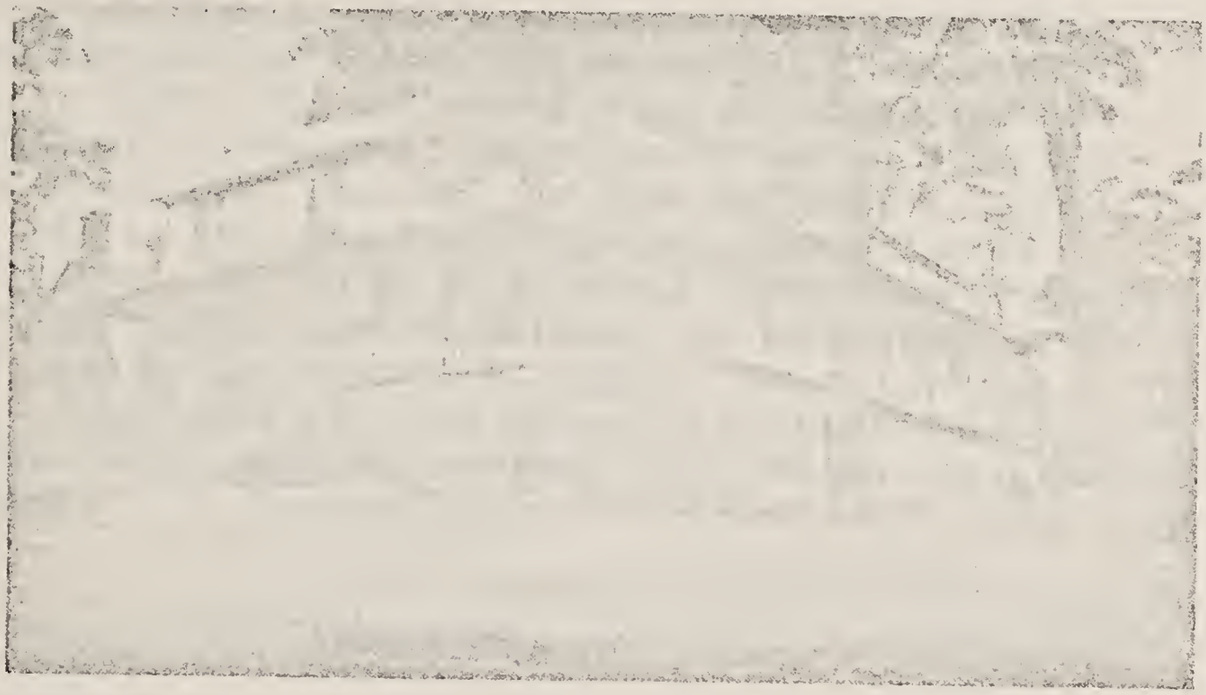
Children:

A Elias Darby Conger b. June 8, 1763, d. Sept. 13, 1845.
B David Conger b. 1767, d. 1833
C Mary Conger

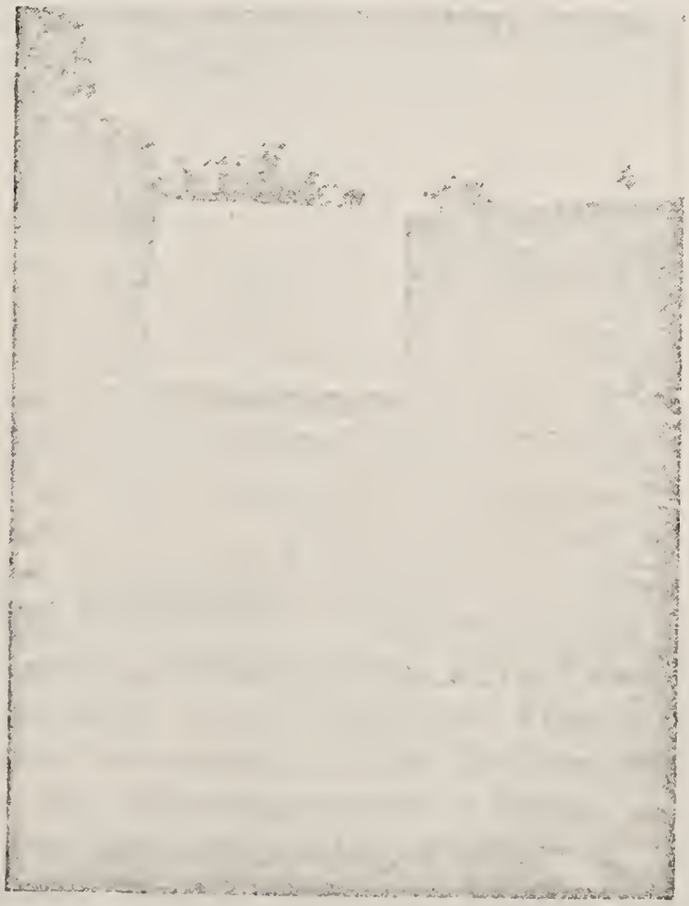
It is thought that David Conger, Sr. was married twice. There is a tradition to that effect and that he had a son, Ishmael, by the first marriage. That he was only married about one year when his wife died.

As David Conger, Sr. died during his service in the War, no record of his service is found in the Pension Bureau at Washington, D. C. Possibly his widow, Mary, died before pensions were granted to the widows of soldiers. However, from the office of the Adjutant General in Trenton, New Jersey, we find the following:

It is certified that the records of this office show that David Conger served as a Private in Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia, received certificate 1571 amounting to 22:8:2 for the depreciation of his continental pay in Middlesex County, New Jersey Militia during the Revolutionary War. Any of his descendants are eligible to membership in the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution.' Mary Darby Green, his wife, was the daughter of Deacon William Darby and his wife, Mary. Deacon William was the son of William and Elizabeth Darby who were of a group of English settlers of Elizabethtown, N. J. in 1688. He appears in the Scotch Plains' landowners in 1690. His children according to records were William b. about 1693. Benjamin, John Ephraim.



Old Homestead of David Conger 1791-1941, Washington Co. Pa.



Grave of Captain David Conger of Indian Wars in Western Pa.
Bates Fork Cemetery, south of Prosperity Pa. 1767-1833.

William II, known as deacon was one of the organizers of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church on Aug. 5, 1747. The old cemetery at Scotch Plains has tombstones in memory of Deacon Darby who d. Feb. 26, 1775 in his 82nd year and his wife Mary who d. April 13, 1761 in her 62nd year. His will according to the abstract in the E. E. Hatfield collection in the N. Y. Historical Society Library was dated Feb. 9, 1774, and probated March 8, 1775.

His children were Ephraim, Elias, William, Samuel, John, Mary who married _____Conger, Margaret married _____Casterline.

## GENERATION VI

A D C B B David Conger b. Woodbridge N. J., 1767, d. Washington Co., Pa. 1833, m. in New Jersey Sarah Welch, b. N. J. 1769, d. Pa. 1844, died with cancer of tongue.

Children:

A Elias
B Gershom
C Aaron
D Moses
E Martha
F Mary Levina
G Sarah
H David
I Ephraim
J William Henry Harrison

David Conger and his young wife Sarah and their baby came from N. J. to western Pennsylvania in 1791. They were accompanied by his brother Elias Darby Conger and his wife Mary Goble Conger. Elias and Mary Conger had the following children, Sarah b. 1784, Mary, Ruth, David, Hannah, Rhoda, Stephen, Susan Gershom, Dorcas and Mollie. The mother

Mary Goble Conger died in Pa. Elias Conger then married Mary Gregory and they moved on into eastern Ohio where she died in 1842 and he died in Monroe County, Ohio 1845. The family of the second wife consisted of Elias G. b. 1806, John B. 1808, Rebecca, Benoni, Enos and William Green. Of this family John B. went to Seymour, Iowa where he died in 1883 and where his descendants may now be found. Tradition tells us that the mother of Elias Darby and David Conger came out to Penn. with her two sons but if so the descendants now living in Pa. know nothing of her or where she might be buried.

David and Sarah Conger took up their home in the hills and valleys of Washington County on the extreme southern edge. He cut down the trees and built their home and hewed the logs and made all their furniture on a hillside overlooking a beautiful valley and stream. He was an Indian fighter and was a captain of a company for the protection of the settlers. David and Sarah were people of faith and he supplied for a time The Ten Mile Valley Presbyterian church as its minister. This was the first church in the valley. Their children with the exception of the last one all had bible names. On this farm of five hundred acres the family grew to maturity the seven boys and three girls. The mother and father passed away here and were taken down the valley a few miles and laid away in the Bates Fork Cemetery. The son, David, stayed on the old farm and raised his family and then his son David and his wife Hannah Crumrine raised their family and now their son David and his wife Adeline Cook Conger are living on the old home that came into the family so many many years ago. It was my very great privilege to visit this old home two years ago and to meet the relatives that are living there. This old home is beautifully located on a bluff over the road, and the view from the veranda across the stream to the wooded hills beyond is charming. Surely the verse "I will lift up mine eyes unto the

hills" is appropriate. Three of the sons remained in Penn. Three went into Ohio and of one I do not know. Of the three girls I could find no trace.

## GENERATION VII

A D C B B A Elias Conger, b. Sept. 1790 in N. J. d. 1869, Cameron, Ohio, m. in Green Co. Pa. 1815. Margaret Atkinson b. 1793 d. 1872.

Children:

A David A.
B Charles
C Levinah
D Jane
E Aaron
F Elijah
G Mary
H Elizabeth
I Juliana
J Stephen L.

A D C B B A A David A. Conger b. 1818 in Ohio m. in Ohio 1840, Catherine Lippencott b. 1820 d. 1892.

Children:

A Elisha
B Charles
C Evaline
D Maretta m._____ Perkins; Eureka, W. Va.
E Julianna m. _____ Strecker; Marietta, Ohio
F Margaret m. _____ Guilinger; Youngstown, Ohio
G Elias and
H Atkinson

A D C B B A A B Charles C. Conger b. 1843 Cameron Ohio, d. 1924, Harrisonburg, Va, m. Sarah A. Hall at Marietta, Ohio 1871, are buried in Cross Keys Va. Presbyterian Cemetery.

Children:

A Dr. Clement E. Conger of Harrisonburg, Va. b. 1872 in Ohio, m. Hallie Ramsey of Alexandria, Va. 2 sons.

1. Ramsey Dennis Conger connected with Chicago Tribune, Washington, D. C., m. May Coffman, sons, Dennis and Sammy.
2. Clement Ellis Conger, electrician of Washington, D. C.

B Charles C. Conger, b. 1877, d. 1937, m. Margaret Stubbs.

C Gerald Conger, b. 1883, m. Pearl Sours, 1 daughter, Geraldine.

D Carl Conger, b. 1885, m. June Carver.

Children:

1. Claude - m. Vina Black, 1 dau, Matilda
2. Nelson - In National Guard of Harrisonburg, Va. located at Camp Meade
3. Jean

E. Grace S. Conger b. 1879 Cross Keys, Va., living in Harrisonburg, Va.

A D C B B B Gershom Conger b. 1892, m. Mahala, nothing further.

A D C B B D Moses Conger b. 1797 d. Appanoose County, Iowa, m. Elizabeth Powell lived at Cameron, Ohio. Children, Mary, Sarah, Levinah, Margaret, Jane, George and Harrison.

A D C B B I Ephraim Conger b. Pa. 1809 d. 1893, buried in West Union Cemetery, south of Prosperity, Pa, m. Eleanor Panis. Had 12 children: John b. 1844 d. 1892, Frank b. 1846, Albert b. 1856.

A D C B B J William Henry Harrison Conger b. 1813 Pa, d. 1852 in Pa. and is buried in West Union Cemetery, m. 1st 1841, Martha Auld b. 1818 d. 1846.

2nd. 1848 Elizabeth Langdon, 1826-1914.

Children by 1st:

A Caroline b. 1842, d. after 1934, Ontario, Calif. m. J. J. McClaren

Children:

1. William b. 1861
2. Howard b. 1865

child

Caroline m. _____ Smalley

child

Shirley b. 1925, reside Ontario, Calif.

B Sarah Jane b. 1843, d. 1891 at Pittsburgh, Pa, m. 1865 Hiram Langdon.

A D C B B J C James V. Conger b. 1845, a soldier of the War between the states, m. 1st Anna Higgins at Columbus, Ohio.

Children:

A May b. 1870, m. 1900 L. J. Braddock, reside Evanston, Ill.
B Frank H. Conger b. 1871
C Howard T. Conger b. 1873

m. 2nd. Maud Miller, 1914, dau.
D. Mary Alice Conger b. June 1920, resides Cleveland, Ohio

Children by second marriage of William Henry Harrison Conger:

E Mary A b. 1848 d. 1888
F Harriet N.

A D C B B H David Conger b. Pa. 1804, d. Pa. 1892, buried in Presbyterian Church yard near Prosperity, Pa.

m. 1st Nancy Mattox, b. 1806 d. 1826.
2nd Maria Palmer b. 1807 d. 1832.
3rd Mary Bell b. 1811 d. 1889.

This is the family that lived in the old home in Pennsylvania, the second generation.

Children by 1st marriage:

A Elias b. 1826, d. 1865

by 2nd marriage:

B Maria b. 1830 d. 1904, m. Ephraim Davis by 3rd marriage
C Henry Herschel Conger b. 1835
D David Allison " 1853
E George " Civil War soldier
F Oliver " d. 1913

A D C B B H D David Allison Conger, b. 1853. m. Hannah Crumrine.

Children:

A Harry C. b. March 19, 1881
B Oliver Bell Jan. 26, 1884 un.
C David Allison b. Feb. 3, 1890

This family was raised and lived in the old Pa. home and Mrs. Hannah Crumrine Conger is still living (past 80 years old) in this home with her sons Oliver and David and his wife. She has spent more than sixty years here. Altho she said in her sweet way, I have visited both coasts east and west.

A D C B B H D A Harry G. Conger b. 1881, living near Prosperity, Pa. married Daisy James.

Children:

A Francis L.
B Mary
C Dorsey
D Sarah
E Ralph

A D C B B H C D David Allison Conger b. 1890 living on the old home the address now is Dunns Station, Pa, m. Adaline Cook of Washington, Pa. daughter, Geraldine - deceased.

I wish all the many descendants of David and Sarah could see this place. The road curves around the yard and runs a few rods down into an old-fashioned picturesque covered bridge across the winding stream and into the little village of Conger named for this couple and which is no longer a town since the coming of the paved roads and automobiles. If David and Sarah could come back to the old home the hills and stream might look natural after 150 years, but the fine Pa. road system would be beyond belief.

A D C B B H C Henry H. Conger b. 1835 Pa. m. 1863 at Lindley Mills, Pa. Elizabeth Ringland b. 1839.

Children:

A George Ringland
B Henry H. b. 1871 resides Redlands, Calif.
C David Omar b. 1875 d. 1940, Prosperity, Pa. m. 1904 Anna May Swarts.

Children:

1. Evalyn m. Thomas Stephens, Washington, Pa. daughter, Constance Ann.
2. Elizabeth m. Kenneth Jones, Amity, Pa.
3. David O. Jr. of Amity m. has one daughter.

All of the children born to David and Sarah Welch Conger between 1790 and 1813 include the sixth generation. I have briefly given some of the lines of the brothers.

From now on this history deals only with the descendants of the son Aaron Conger* b. April 15, 1795, Washington County, Pa. and who died July 6, 1867 in Licking County, Ohio.

* A D C B B C

C* Aaron Conger 1795-1867, m. 1819 in Green County, Pa. Mary McVey b. June 11, 1799 in Pa. d. May 12, 1870 in Ohio.

Children, the first three were born in Pa. the remainder in Licking County, Ohio.

C A Elizabeth Ann-March 19, 1820
C B Jacob Irvin - Dec. 12, 1821
C C David Washington - March 7, 1824
D Cary McVey - May 24, 1826
E Elias Jackson - April 24, 1828
F Aaron Harvey - March 19, 1830
G Mary Ellen - 1832
H Sarah Jane - Sept. 14, 1834
I Edmund McVey - 1837
J James Madison - July 1839
K Martha W. - July 4, 1841
C L Harriet b. 1844 d. at 4 years

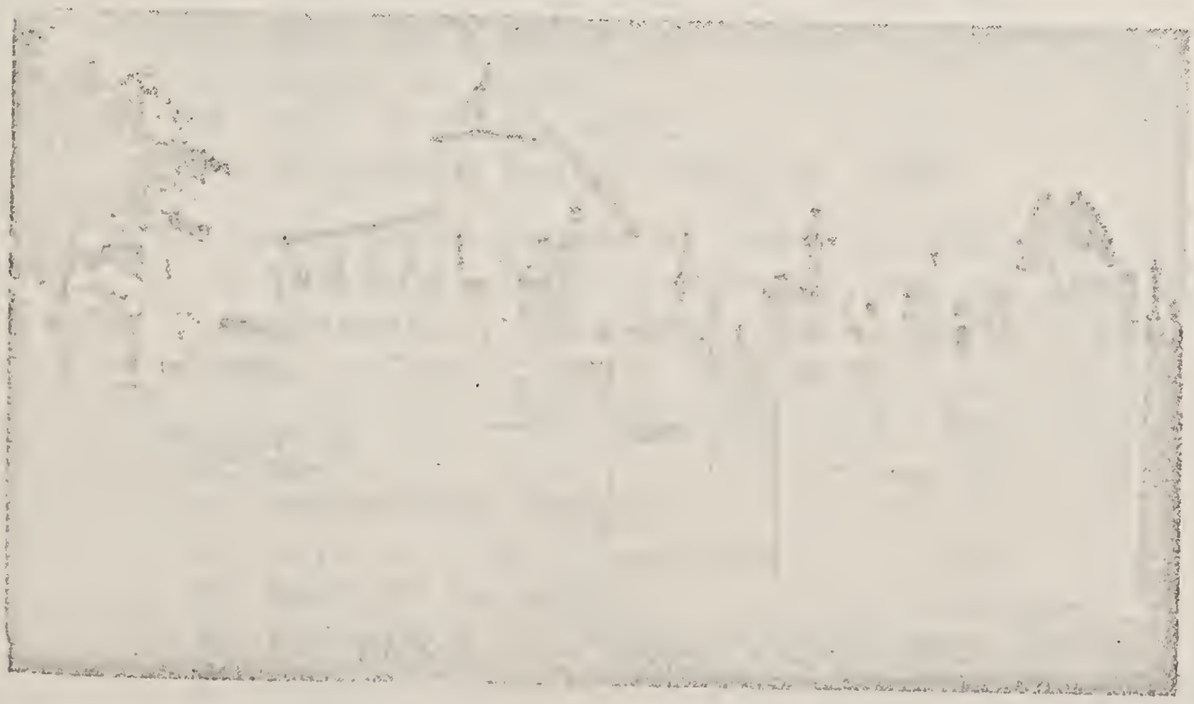
In 1824, Aaron and Mary McVey Conger left Pa. and purchased a new home in Licking County, Ohio near the north county line. Here the remainder of their family were born and they lived till their death. They never went back to the home in Pa. or saw their parents again and very doubtful if any of the brothers and sisters. Mode of travel over the eastern Ohio hills was very difficult and strange to say when we went back to Pa. two years ago the Pa. people told us we were the first ones of any of their descendants ever to come back in the 115 years.

Aaron and Mary are buried in the beautiful Bell Cemetery located by the church where they were members. This church is a land mark in that community on a hill overlooking a panoramic view of the country. Their graves in a central location and we walked among the monuments and read the names of people our father talked about so long ago. Cary McClelland, a Revolutionary soldier, lies in this cemetery. In some way he is connected with our family, his wife

*The letters will now all work from C.

being a McVey, and the name Cary has come down through the family.

In the records of Washington County, Pa. is found the will of Edmund McVey filed in 1814. He leaves his wife Elizabeth and the following children Anna, Vincent, Jacob, Reason, Benjamin, Stephen, Mary, Elizabeth and Sarah. This I think is our grandmothers Mary McVey Conger's father, although others of the family say that her father's name was Jacob. I know she had a brother Jacob who served in the War of 1812 and I also know she had a sister Elizabeth who married Neil Bartlett. The early McVeys, MacVeaghs came to America from Ireland in 1689. In Ireland they belonged to the landed gentry and I have quite a complete record of the family there for four generations. The immigrant Edmond MacVeagh came in 1689. He was the son of Ferdinand and Letitia Richardson MacVeagh and one of eight children. His wife was Mary Baker whom he married in 1693. They had Edmund b. 1695 who married in the Christs Church Philadelphia Catherine _____.



Bell Church and Cemetery, Licking Co. Ohio, 12 mi. no. of Newark where are located the graves of Aaron Conger and his wife Mary McVey Conger.

They were the parents of several sons from whom all the Pennsylvania MacVeaghs, McVaugh, McVey, McVay descend. Many served in the Revolutionary War. Some became well known in business and political work of our nation, university presidents, writers, ambassadors, world travlers, as well as many common citizens.

## GENERATION VIII

C A Elizabeth Ann Conger b. March 19, 1820 in Pa. m. Dec. 13, 1841, d. about 1874 Mt. Vernon, Ohio.
1. James Ryan, drowned in Des Moines River in Iowa while moving to a new home in 1844.
2. William Penn Smith, Sept. 7 1848

Children by 1st:

A Roderick Ryan b. 1843, d. 1864, a soldier of the Civil War

By 2nd:

B Charles Brough Smith b. 1863, un.
C Mary Jane Smith
D Alice L. Smith
E Geo. William Smith
F Elizabeth Ann b. 1853, d. 1863

C B Jacob Ervin Conger b. Dec. 12, 1821, Wash. Co. Pa. d. March 4, 1886, Princeton, Mo, m. 1859 Miranda Constable b. 1839 Sept. 5, d. April 3 1915 Mercer, Mo.

Children:

A Sarah Jane Conger
B Dora
C Mary E. b. 1865
D Ephraim S. b. 1870, d. 1910 Aug. 13
E George Aaron b. 1873 un. resides Cainesville, Mo.
F Gaius A.
G Emma M.

CC David Washington Conger b. March 7, 1824 Pa. d. 1874 Kansas, buried in Morrison Cemetery. m. 1st in Ohio, Priscilla Kraft, d 1864 in Marshall County, Kansas, the first grave in Morrison Cemetery.

2nd in Kansas, Julia Lewis, buried in Frankford Cemetery.

Children:

by 1st

A* Ellen Conger b 1850
B* Mary Conger b 1852
C Edmond d. age 28

by 2nd

D* Ollie
E* David W.
F Ephraim b. Feb. 2, 1873
G* Sarah

C D Cary McVey Conger b. May 24, 1826 in Ohio. m. 1847 in Ohio d. March 14, 1898 Gibson, Ill. Rebecca Marriott, b. May 18, 1821, d. Feb. 12, 1912.

Children:

A William M. b. 1848 Ohio
B Aaron
C Mary b. 1853 d. 1893
D Rose b. 1855 d. 1909
E Elmer b. 1857 Ill.

C E Elias Jackson Conger b. 1828 in Ohio, d. 1873 in Ohio, buried in Bell Cemetery, m. Miranda Miller b. 1830 d. 1906.

Children:

A Jennie
B Elvina
C Clara Alice
D Harvey W.
E Laura Bell

F Allen
G Harriet Ellen b. 1848, d. 1867
H William 1862-1897 un. killed by a train near Coshocton, Ohio.

C F Aaron Harvey Conger b. March 19, 1830 Ohio, d. April 8, 1910 Bloomington, Ill, m. April 28, 1861 in Towanda, Ill.
Ellen J. White b. 1839 Indiana, d. 1927 Cooksville, Ill.

Children:

A Mary Adeline b. Feb. 28, 1862, d. Aug. 1863
B Clara Ann
C Charles C.
D Alfred W. b. May 14, 1868, d. Aug. 1870
E Cora Alice
F Bertice H. b. Dec. 17, 1873, d. Jan. 13, 1909
G Pearle
H Blanche E.
I Ethel

Aaron H. Conger, my father left Ohio in 1854 and came to McLean County, Illinois. He purchased his first land in 1860 and continued buying through the years as he and my mother raised their family. He also conducted a grain and coal business at Fletcher, a small station near his home for many years. Father was a staunch temperance man and voted the Prohibition ticket for many years. He never lost an opportunity to speak against liquor and the downfall it caused. Father and mother were members of the Baptist church at Towanda, Ill. They are buried in the Smith Grave Cemetery two miles east of Towanda where are also mother's parents George C. and Julia Noel White and three of her brothers and two sisters. Mother's ancestry goes back to the Whites of Mass. Tradition says to William White of the Mayflower and I have reason to believe this is correct. George White who married Sarah Bumpas at

Rochester, Mass in 1728 had a son George b. in Mass. 1737 who became captain George White of the Revolutionary War in New York. He and his wife Patience and all their family were members of the church at Amenia, N. Y., N. Y. Gen. and Biol. Record Vol. 35 p. 203. Their oldest son Nathaniel b. 1759 was a sergeant in the Revolution. He married Hannah Finch in N. Y. 1785 and they were mother's grand-parents. On her maternal line her grand-parents were Basil and Mary Gregg Noel who were married in Shelbyville, Ky, in 1794 and who are burried in Fletcher Chapel Cemetery six miles east of Spring-field, Ohio. Basil's parents were Septimus* and Ruth Noel of Baltimore, Md. His will was probated 1794 naming four children. He was a sea captain as was also his father Basil Noel of Dorchester County, Md. who owned the ships "Charming Betty" and"The Roe" The father of Basil Noel I was James Nowell of Dor-chester County, Md. whose will was probated 1718. Mary Gregg's father was John Gregg whose will was probated in Jefferson County, Ky in 1792 naming four children but not a wife.

C H Sarah Jane Conger b. Sept. 14, 1834 Ohio, d. Aug. 16, 1914 Burr Oak, Kansas, m. 1856 Douglas Pierson b. Oct. 20, 1835 d. May 10, 1911.

Children:

*A Rose Ann Pierson
*B Edmond McVey Pierson
C Charles Murry Pierson
D Mary Alice b. 1864 d. 1865
*E Arral Gladys Pierson
F Olive Mae b. 1867 d. 1868
G Harriet Rachel b. 1870 d. 1879
H Ella Melissa Pierson
I Isaac Melvin

Douglas Pierson is a descendant of Abraham Pierson, a graduate of Oxford University, England who came to America in 1639. His son Abraham Pierson

*Septimus Noel signed the oath of allegiance in Baltimore Co. Md., 1778.

Jr. b. 1641 in Lynn, Mass. was the first president of Yale University. He was a graduate of Harvard in 1662. His grandson, John Pierson b. 1758 was a soldier of the Revolutionary War from New Jersey. He married Sarah VanDyke, daughter Arthur VanDyke and Nancy Schenck. His grandfather was Nicholas VanDyke a member of the Colonial Congress from Delaware.

Three brothers, Cary M. Conger, J. Madison Conger, and Aaron H. Conger who came from Ohio and settled in Ill. where they were young men.

C J James Madison Conger b. July 15, 1839 Ohio, d. May 24, 1901, Macomb, Ill, m. in Ohio Sarah E. Danielson b. 1849 d. Jan. 25, 1935.

Children:

A Mary Louella Conger b. Ohio
B Viola F. Conger b. McLean Co, Ill.
C Jared Aaron un. b. Dec. 21, 1875 McLean Co. Ill.
D Orral Bertha Conger " " "
E Elzy Madison Conger b. " " "
F Maud Oza Conger b. Macomb, Ill.
G Edgar Bowles Conger b. " "

C K Martha W. Conger b. July 4, 1841 Ohio, d. Aug. 31, 1922, Mitchell, Ore, m. Sept. 3, 1870 at Bloomington, Ill.

Jacob L. Barnhouse b. May 5, 1843 in Ohio, d Aug. 12, 1917, Oregon. A Civil War Soldier Co. G. 146 Ill Vol. Inf. 1861-1865.

Children:

A Orral Barnhouse b.
B William Allen b. 1873 d. 1883
C* Peter Richard
twins b. Aug. 31, 1876
D Aaron Riley --------- d. Sept. 11, 1876

GENERATION IX

C A C Mary Jane Smith b. June 3, 1850, d. March 24, 1900, m. March 1, 1866 John W. Galleher, Findley, Ohio.

Children:

A Frank William b. May 20, 1867, killed in an accident Jan. 3, 1910
B Etta Aradella b. 1869 d. 1890
C Clyde Wilber b. Nov. 9, 1871, un.
D Iris Allison

C A D Alice L. Smith b. 1855 d. 1880, m. 1878 Feb. 26 James L. Thompson

child

Daisy b. Feb. 28, 1879, d. July 12, 1879

C A E George William Smith b. March 26, 1858 m. Nina Stouffer, resides Beaver Falls, Pa.

child

A Dorothy

C B A Sarah Jane Conger b. Oct. 19, 1860, d. 1936, m. Nov. 11, 1877 John W. Peace b. 1850 in Ky. Mercer, Mo.

Children:

A Otis Lesie b. 1878 d. 1882
B Olive b. 1882 d. 1882
C Bessie b. 1885 d. 1885
D Hazel b. 1892 d. 1892

C B B Dora Alice Conger b. Jan. 28, 1864, d. May 14, 1913, m. Sept. 25, 1881 W. W. Putnam b. 1856.

Children:

A Clellie O.
B Lillian b. Dec. 14, 1884 d. Feb. 7, 1919
C Nona Z.
D* Elza A.
Infant son and daughter died

C B F Gaius A. Conger b. Aug. 26, 1875, m. Feb. 28, 1899 Emma V. Rockey, b. 1878 in Ohio, reside Mercer, Mo.

Children:

Carl R. Conger, b. Feb. 27, 1903, d. Dec. 18, 1923
infant son b. and d. Sept. 19, 1904

C B G Emma M. Conger b. July 16, 1878, m. Nov. 28, 1906, Fred R. Roberts, b. Feb. 10, 1882, Missouri.

child

*A Wayne C Roberts, reside Cainsville, Mo.

C C A Ellen Conger b. 1850 in Ohio, d. 19' in Buyman, Okla. m. G. W. Trosper in Kansas.

Children:

A George b. 1870, d. 1895
B Amasa b. 1875, m. Kathryn Stubes, no family
C Arthur b. 1872 lives in Minneapolis, Minn.
D Laura May
E Basil C.
F Eli, b. 1881, m. Leslie Blackney, no family
G Eva
H Earl

C C D Ollie Conger b. Sept. 12, 1866, m. Dec. 24, 1887, resides Muscatine, Iowa, Emery Darr d. Jan. 9, 1929.

Children:

A Elva Maud b. 1889, d. 1903
B James Oscar b. 1890
C Julia Rachel b. 1893

C C B Mary Ann Conger b. Sept. 20, 1852 Ohio, m. 1869 Sept. 13, John Samuel Trosper b. Dec. 23, 1846, d. Nov. 24, 1909.

Children: All born in Marshall County, Kansas, but one.

A John Calhoun Trosper
B May Belle Trosper
C Martin Glasby Trosper b. 1876
D David Jacob Trosper
E William Robert Trosper
F Nathan Bailey Trosper
G Ed. Conger Trosper b. and d. 1884
H Frank O. Trosper b. 1890, d. 1891 in Wash.

J. S. Trosper and wife lived on his pre-emption claim near Frankfort, Kansas in 1869 which he later sold and was in business in Bigelow, Kansas. In 1889 he moved to Washington which had just become a state. Purchased land from his Uncle Jess Ferguson, a pioneer of 1849. The son William still lives on this farm at Turnwater, Wash.

C C E David W. Conger b. April 1, 1868, m. 1892 Emma Keiper b. 1873.

Mr. Conger is County Road Commissioner of Marshall County, Kansas. In 1932 on an auto trip west we stopped to see the Dave Conger family and spent a very happy day. The daughter Edith prepared a lovely dinner while we visited with her parents and aunt, Mrs. Julia Darr who very fortunately was visiting them from Muscatine, Iowa. This was the first and only time we have had the opportunity to know personally any of Uncle Wash's family and our rememberances are a pleasure.

Children:

A Ralph Aaron
B Laverne b. 1896, teacher
C Edith
D Julia Louise
E Robert Charles
F David Walton
G Bert Ephraim
H Ruth Eileen b. 1913 d. 1925

C C E Sarah Conger b. April 13, 1870, m. 1890, Wesley Gill, reside Jerome, Idaho

Children:

A Alta Ann
B Effie Jane
C Ollie Emma

C D A William M. Conger b. June 12, 1848, Ohio. d. May 16, 1928, Normal, Ill. m. Sept. 9, 1874, Louise Donner b. Sept.10, 1854 d. 1919.

Children:

A Cary R.
B Hattie E.
C Maud M.
D Grace P.
E Harvey M.
F Orville
G Russell
H Artie

C D E Elmer J. Conger b. 1857, m. March 6, 1884, d. May 21, 1923 Sibley, Ill. Agnes Hunt b. 1853 d. 1938.

Children:

A Elzie b. 1886, m. Prudence _____ reside Brighton, Colo.
B Hugh
C Jay
D Clifford
E Claude b. Feb. 11, 1894, d. March 7, 1924 Los-Angeles, Calif. buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Sibley, Ill. A World War soldier.
F Chester b.

C E A Jennie Conger b. 1850- d. 1881, m. Alfred M. Dodd.

Child

Homer Dodd b. 1877, m. Bell Shrontz.

son

Frederick 1904-1931

C E B Elvina Conger 1852-1921, m. James Wilson.

Children:

A Sadie d. 1902 m. Chas. Belt, son Harold Belt.

B Alva Wilson d. 1920, m. Effie Eagle, daus.
C Wiley Eva and Eula Wilson
D Maude m. Robt. Riley - no family
E Laura d. 1927 m. Frank Shumway, no family
F Harris

C E C Clara Alice Conger b. Feb. 2, 1856, d. Apr. 21, 1928, lived many years in Newark, Ohio, m. 1878. 1st Frank Harris, 2nd G. F. Smailes

Children by 1st

A Iva Pearle b. 1878 d. 1880
B Maurice C. b. 1880 d. 1880
C Frank W. Jr. b. 1883 d. 1906
D Charles M. Harris b. 1892, supt. of Cedar Hill Cemetery, Newark, Ohio, m. 1929 Jessie Shrider.

C E D Harvey W. Conger b. Nov. 9, 1857, d. Aug. 1932 was struck by an auto on the street in Newark, Ohio and died in a few days. Had a nice farm home several miles north east of Newark with several producing oil wells, m. 1883 - Oct 30 Leora F. Barcroft.

Children:

Infant son, 1886
A Jay E. D.
B Blanche
C Helen
D Dorothy b. Dec. 24, 1903 d. Aug. 27, 1904

C E E Laura Belle Conger b. March 4, 1859, d. 1932, m. 1878 Robert E. Forgraves.

Children:

A Clyde Wilbur b. 1880, d. 1883
B Dessie Alice b. 1882 m. Sydney Northon, a player in an orchestra. Living most of the time in Chicago, no family.
C Emmet F.
D* Gladys
E* Clarence

C E F Allen Conger b. April 3, 1865, Ohio, d. about 1934, Coshocton, Ohio, m. Louisiana House.

Children:

A Lucy Conger m. Chas. Mobley, has 3 sons and 3 daughters

B Lee Conger m. Nellie _____

Children:

Christine Conger
Frances "
Helen "

C Nellie, reside in Ohio

D Guy Irvin Conger m. Ethel Maple, no children

E Jennie 1904-1924

C F B Clara Ann Conger b. July 17, L864. Towanda, Ill. m. June 7, 1888 Nicholas H. Watson R. P. b. Ohio 1851 d. Cropsey, Ill. 1915.

Children:

A Ralph Emerson Watson b. Oct. 6, 1890 d. July 3, 1894.

B Clark Conger Watson b. Sept. 3, 1892 d. Feb. 14, 1894.

C Lynn Robinson Watson b. March 11, 1897, Anchor, Ill.

Clara Conger Watson now resides with her son Lynn at Franklin Park, Illinois. She was a teacher in the schools of McLean Co. Illinois several years. Nicholas Watson is a descendant of John Howland and John and Elizabeth Tilley all of whom were passengers on the Mayflower in 1620. Also of Perez Chipman, Thomas Watson, William Robinson and William Horney, who were Revolutionary soldiers, William Robinson, Jr., a soldier of the War of 1812 and his father, Lewis Watson, who was a Civil War soldier. All of these lines are proved. Mr. and Mrs. Watson lived most of their married life at Anchor, Ill. where he owned a drugstore and was Post Master.

C F C Charles C. Conger b. April 25, 1866, Towanda, Ill. farmer resides Oak Glen, Ill. m. July 18, 1889, Laura E. Hooton b. Jan. 2, 1870 d. Jan. 17, 1941, teacher.

Children:

A Lucille Ruth b. Jan. 26, 1892 d. Sept. 1, 1893
B Gladys Ellen b. Dec. 23, 1893
C Stuart Harvey b. Sept. 25, 1895 d. March 29, 1896
D Edith Gertrude b. Dec. 6, 1897
E Blanche Jane b. Feb. 11, 1900 d. July 1934
F Aaron Harold b. Oct. 29, 1902
G Dorothy Leora b. April 29, 1906
H Lola Charlotte b. Sept. 8, 1908, is a graduate of Normal Community High School, Normal, Ill. B. E. Illinois State Normal University 1932. M. A. Columbia University, New York City 1939. Teacher for a few years now employed in the personnel department of Macey, a large store of New York Ctiy.

C F E Cora Alice Conger b. Sept. 13, 1870, d. Jan. 12, 1895. Teacher m. Dec. 29, 1891, Fletcher, Ill. Edgar W. Miles b. 1869, Bowling Green, Ind. d. 1926 Norman, Okla. Resided at Colfax, Indiana.

Child

Ethel Wanda b. Oct. 31, 1892, d. Dec. 19, 1893.

Edgar W. Miles m. 2nd May Cook and raised a family of five boys and one daughter who reside in Oklahoma.

C F G Pearle Conger b. April 26, 1875, Towanda, Ill. d. July 18, 1937, m. May 25, 1897 Frank Watson Parrish b. March 3, 1873, Colfax, Indiana d. Dec. 21, 1935 Indianpolis, Ind. Both are buried in Masonic Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana. Frank Parrish was a graduate of Colfax Indiana High School. He was one of the nine children of Jesse and Mary

Mitchell Parrish, old settlers of Clinton County, Indiana. He is descended from Charles Mitchell, a Revolutionary soldier of Maryland. His one sister who grew to maturity is Dr. Rebecca Parrish a medical missionary for many years and author and lecturer.

Children:

A Louise b. March 19, 1903. Teacher in schools of Muskegon, Michigan. B. E. Illinois State Normal University, graduate work Columbia University, New York City. Member of American Association of University Women.

B Frank Bertice b. Oct 28, 1908, Indianapolis, Ind.

C F H Blanche E. Conger b. March 21, 1878 Towanda, Ill. d. Feb. 26, 1931, Holcomb, Ill. m. Aug. 10, 1898 J. C. Phillips b. 1869, Olney, Ill. Now conducts a general store at Holcomb, Ill. since 1899.

Children:

A Helen
B Margaret Ethel
C Cecil Conger
D Mildred Evelyn
E Lucille Blanche. Teacher m. 1933--Merrill Halsne.
F John Hubert b. Feb. 11, 1919, graduate of Rochelle, Ill. High School 1936, student at James Miliken University, Decatur, Illinois, Sigma Alpha Episilon Fraternity.

C F I Ethel Conger b. Jan. 12, 1881, m. Dec. 25, 1901, Harry Heagler b. March 22, 1872 Arrowsmith, Ill.

The compiler of this history has written hundreds of letters and spent years of research to obtain the information contained in this small volume. Mrs. Heagler has been for twenty-five years, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution,

Chapter at Bloomington, Ill. and has served the Chapter as Historian and Librarian. She also has membership in the Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago, and is a Charter member of the McLean County Home Bureau and taught in the public schools of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Heagler are members of the Baptist Church.

Harry Heagler is a son of James and Samantha Henton Heagler who came to Ill. from Washington Court House, Ohio in 1852. His grandfahter was one of the pioneer physicians of Dawson Township. Mrs. Dr. Henton was a daughter of the Reverend Benjamin Dawson, a Revolutionary soldier of Virginia and his wife Ann Pope a descendant of Nathaniel Pope who came to American from England in 1634. Another Revolutionary ancestor is Benjamin Tallman of Pa. who with his wife Dinah Boone is buried not far from Circleville, Ohio. The Boone, Tallman, Lincoln and Hentons all go back to early American settlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Heagler reside on the farmstead purchased by A. H. Conger in 1860 from the government.

Their children:

C Alvin Bertice b. July 29 and d. Aug. 8, 1904, Anchor, Ill.

B Lois Marjorie b. Oct. 30, 1906, Anchor, Ill.

C Clifford Harry b. Nov. 28, 1910, Bloomington, Ill.

Lois Heagler is a graduate of the University High School, Normal, Ill. and the Illinois State Normal University, The City Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Mo. and has done graduate work at Washington University, St. Louis. Teacher for six years as physical education supervisor for girls at Belleville, Ill. Now supervisor in public health work at St. Louis, Mo. She is president of the City Hospital Nursing Association Alumnea of St. Louis, and is a member of the League of Nursing Education. She has traveled in all parts of the U. S., visited

Canada and Mexico and spent one summer in Europe.

Clifford Heagler is a graduate of the Cooksville Community High School and attended the Normal University. He now assists his father farming. He is a traveler too and has visited in his car thirty-nine of the forty-eight states. His favorite trip is to the cousins ranch in Oregon which he thinks is the finest place ever to visit.

C H A Rose Ann Pierson b. Dec. 6, 1857, m. Oct. 19, 1876 Richard McCall.

Children:

A Lemuel C. McCall b. Sept. 4, 1777, Burr Oak, Kansas
B Charles Pierson McCall b. April 18 d. Oct. 18, 1879
C Edna Mae McCall

C H B Edmund McVey Pierson b, June 23, 1759 Burr Oak, Kansas d. May 13, 1927 St. Onge, S. D. m. Lydia Figgins.

Children:

A Orral
B Ruby
C Margaret
D Aaron
E Olive
F Arthur

C H C Charles Murry Pierson b. April 4, 1862, Kansas d. April 14, 1929, m. 1st Carrie Tompkins, 2nd Lizzie Mallory.

Children: 1st

A Edmond
B Ernest
C Nellie d.
D Verna

E William 2nd.
F Lillian
G Ethel
H Raymond
I Merritt
J Glenn
K Galen
L Dean
M Doyle

C H E Orral Gladys Pierson b. Sept. 16, 1867 d. 1939, m. Jan. 23, 1890 Samuel Parker, no family, reside Kansas.

C H H Ella Malissa Pierson b. Nov. 18, 1873 Burr Oak, Kansas, m. Feb. 27, 1896 Edgar Green, resides Colorado Springs, Colo.

Children:

A Pearle
B Marie
C Ralph - d.

C H I Isaac Melville Pierson b. Feb. 17, 1876. Farmer and stockman of Burr Oak, Kansas, m. Feb. 3, 1901.
Charity Benbou

Children:

A Nathan, when last I heard he was preparing for a minister of the Friends Church - married _____
B Yulu, m. and has four sons.

C J A Mary Louella Conger b. Nov. 27, 1870 Ohio m. Jan. 24, 1891 Macomb, Ill.
William N. Bartleson b. Sept. 20, 1870 d. Jan. 1938.

Children:

A Sarah Katherine
B Marie Irene
C Aaron Deane
D William Howard
E Mary MaRia

C J B Viola F. Conger b. July 25, 1874, McLean Co. Ill, m. 1st William Kenner, Macomb, Ill. 2nd. George Carr, Aurora, Ill.

Children by 1st:

A Roderick Burdette
B Garnet, m. Anson Dewey deceased
C Williams

C J D Orral Bertha Conger b. Jan. 27, 1880, m. Henry T. Lusk b. 1877 d. 1929.

Children:

A Lois May Lusk, graduate of Western Illinois State Normal School, teacher, m. Harry Giltmacher
son
Harold Edwin b. Dec. 1, 1933.
B James Henry
C Ray Thomas b. Sept. 15, 1917, twins

C J E Elzy Madison Conger b. Feb. 4, 1882, m. Laverta Briley, R. N., adopted daughter, Margaret Doerr.

C J G Edgar B. Conger b. Sept. 24, 1891. World War Soldier, Capt. National Guard, m. 1920 Bessie Meredith.

C J F Maud Aza Conger b. March 10, 1886, m. 1904 Macomb, Ill., Asher Miller. Farmer Bushnell, Ill.

Children:

A Everett Asher b. Dec. 16, 1905 m. Marion Burriss
B Edwin Conger b. Dec. 16, 1907
C James Myrle b. Sept. 28, 1910 with National Guard, Camp Forrest, Tenn.
D William Clyde b. Jan. 29, 1913, m. Juanita Hudson
E Lloyd LaVerne b. Jan. 11, 1916
F Sara Lorraine b. Aug. 8, 1926

C K A Orral Barnhouse b. June 26, 1871, Mercer, Mo. m. Dec. 23, 1892 at Mitchell, Oregon Emmitt Rankin Laughlin d. 1928?

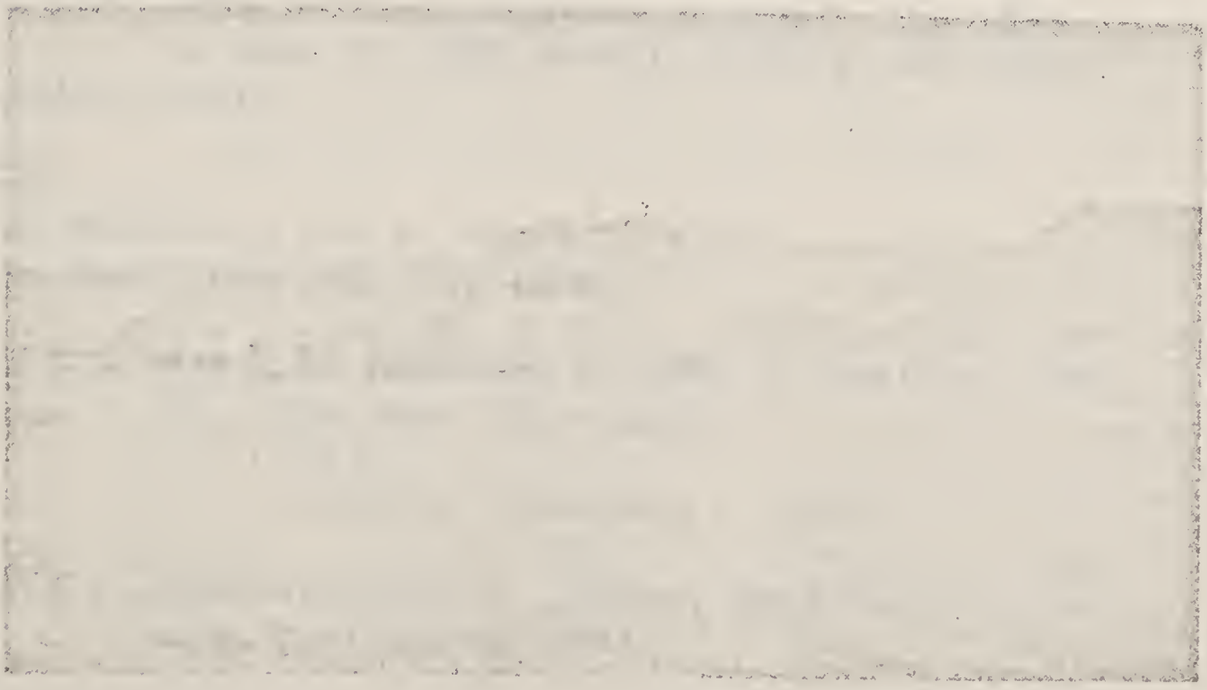
Children:

A Edna
B Lydia
C Willis Clyde
D Erie
E Mary Anne
F Lucille

C K C Peter Richard Barnhouse b. Aug. 3, 1876, Oregon m. Sept. 16, 1906 Sarah Blann.

Children:

A Lola
B Reber
C Wilbur
D Maxine b. Oct. 14, 1922, graduate of John Day Oregon High School.



Haying at the Laughlin Ranch near Mitchell, Oregon

The two cousins above Mrs. Laughin and Dick Barnhouse live on and operate large sheep ranches in Central Oregon. Their father and mother went into the, then, new country of Oregon in 1872 two years after their marriage in Illinois and a stay of one year in Mo. The Laughlin ranch high in a valley of the John Day River now contains thousands of sheep and more than five thousand acres. Too high for any cultivation of grain. Their only crop is hay of which many tons are stacked for the winter feeding of the sheep. In the summer the sheep are taken up higher on the mountain and into the timber. A visit to this ranch in 1937 was an experience never to be forgotten. During the haying season with many men employed on the job and the daughters at home helping with the cooking and sixteen of us at every meal. Dick lives farther down the valley and has fruit and grain on his ranch. Some of the children are married and live on near by ranches.

## GENERATION X

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C A C D Iris Allison Galleher b. Sept. 16, 1874 m. Aug. 1, 1899 Fred B. Learey, merchant Findley, Ohio.

Sons:

A Frederick Don b. March 7, 1906
B Karl John Aug. 25, 1908

C A C A Frank W. Galleher b. 1867 d. 1910, m. Dec. 14, 1890 Sara Alice Beard
Child
Clyde A. Galleher b. 1892

C A E A Dorothy Smith b. 1898 m. Earl Garvin, reside Darlington, Pa.

C B B A Clellie O. Putnam b. June 25, 1882, Mercer County, Mo, m. April 1914 Mallie Clampitt

b. Apr. 26, 1889.

Child

James Wesley b. 1921, Spencer, S. D.

C B B B Lillian G. Putnam b. 1884 d. 1919 m. Noc. 28, 1906 Alva O. Peace, Mercer, Mo.

Children:

A Vivian b. Sept. 8, 1907
B Neil b. March 13, 1910
C Carol b. May 20, 1917

C B B C Nona Z. Putnam b. Dec. 23, 1887, Mercer Co. Mo. m. Nov. 23, 1909 Harrison Overton b. Sept. 20, 1889.

Children:

A Evelyn Overton
B Dora Lee " b. Aug. 28, 1914
C Helen " b. Feb. 11, 1920
D Harrison " Jr. b. March 29, 1924
E Floyd " b. March 4, 1927
F Harold " b. July 31, 1928

C B B D Elza A Putnam b. May 26, 1889, m. June 22, 1912 Ruth Stratton b. Dec. 1, 1896.

Children:

A Phyllis b. Oct. 14, 1913
B Wilbur March 8, 1915
C Ward Dec. 23, 1916
D Doris Sept. 28, 1918
E Dale Nov. 6, 1919
F Hollis Feb. 9, 1921
G Maxine Feb. 1, 1923
H Betty Dec. 1, 1925
I Dennis b. Dec. 10, 1928

C B G A Wayne C. Roberts b. Sept. 20, 1907 m. Apr. 19, 1930, Mildred I. Mass b. Dec. 19, 1909.

Child:

Mildred Kathleen b. Jan. 23, 1931, Harrison Co. Mo.

C C A D Laura May Trosper b. May 1, 1877, m. in Washington State Aug. 11, 1911 Glen Isaacs.

Children:

A Chesley b. April 4, 1914
B Amasa b. July 31, 1915

C C A G Eva Trosper b. Nov. 28, 1885, m. at Beattie, Kansas Oct. 5, 1904 John Gardner, Farmer of Guyman, Okla.

Children:

A Roger Aug. 22, 1906, Manhattan, Kans.
B Estaleen July 20, 1908 d. Aug. 5, 1921
C James - Jan. 13, 1911
D Eileen b. March 23, 1918, Guyman, Okla.
E Laura b. Aug. 13, 1920 " "
F John, Jr. Feb. 17, 1924

C C A H Earl Trosper b. Jan. 5, 1888, Beattie, Kans, m. at Kansas City Mary Bell.

Child:

Mary Bell Trosper b. March 23, 1921 at Chicago, Ill.

C C A E Basil Trosper b. Nov. 7, 1880, Marshall Co. Kans, m. at Senaca, Kans. May 24, 1901 Ara Shearer.

Down in southern Oklahoma with their P. O. Booker Texas lives Basil Trosper and his family. In 1901 he took up his abode and was a real Okla. pioneer. With a walking plow and three mules he broke the land. With hard work and good management and the good help of an excellent wife, he now has a

Family of Basil C. Trosper, Booker, Texas

good home, deals in pure bred stock and has raised a family of nine children. He has found time to serve his community and the political life of his county. I have never met Mr. Trosper but he can write a first class letter.

Children:

A Kenneth
B Bessie
C Louise
D George
E Wilson b. July 2, 1913, m. 1935 Eunice Gaten
F Pauline b. Jan. 18, 1916, m. 1936 James Clark
G Cecil b. July 31, 1918
H Basil C, Jr. b. May 7, 1920
I Earl J. b. Jan. 20, 1922

C C B A John C. Trosper b. Nov. 13, 1870, m. Jan. 31 1895, Tacoma, Wash. Edna C. Barnhart.

Children:

A Harold b. Sept. 1896, m. 1921 Ruth Anderson
B Marion b. Nov. 1897, m. Aug. 7, 1920 Helen Denny

C C B B May Belle Trosper b. Dec. 18, 1872 Kansas, m. July 21, 1892 Luther E. Sayers, reside Tacoma, Wash.

Children:

A Howard B. Sayers b. Apr. 20, 1893, m. April 6, 1914 Edna May Irwin.

Child:

Georgia May, b. May 20, 1915.
B Martin Luther Sayers b. March 24, 1911, d. Sept. 23, 1934.

C C B D David Jacob Trosper b. 1878, m. 1901 Florence Chase.

Child:

Margaret b. 1902

C C B E William Robert Trosper b. 1881. Resides on a farm at Twinwater, Wash. entered by his Uncle James Ferguson in 1849, m. Elsie Keller, 1 son, Robert Trosper is married, has daughter Catherine.

C C D B James Oscar Darr b. 1890, resides Kansas m. 1912 Blanche Colwell.

Children:

A Dale - 1916
B Clifford - 1919

C C D A Elva Maud Darr b. 1889 d. 1903.

C C D C Julia Rachel Darr b. 1893, m. Aaron James, resides Muscatine, Iowa.

Children:

A Leila Bess b. 1922
B Phyllis Lucille b. 1923

C C E A Ralph Aaron Conger b. 1893 Marysville, Kans. m. 1st. Hilda Heide d. 1920.
2nd. Lois Chambers

Children by 2nd.

A David
B Jean
C Bobby
D Linn

C C E C Edith Conger b. 1899, m. Elmer Kinsley.

C C E D Julia Louise Conger b. 1902, m. Victor Hoerath, resides Mansfield, Ohio.

Child:

Shirley Ruth

C C B F Nathan Bailey Trosper b. March 30, 1886, resides Tacoma, Wash, m. Dec. 23, 1911 Belle Kirk.

Children:

A Ruth Trosper b. March 24, 1914, m. Behlmann
B Jean Trosper b. Oct. 15, 1915.

C C B C Martin Trosper b. March 6, 1876 d. m. Dec. 19, 1896 Annie Gay.

C C E E Robert Charles Conger b. 1904 Marysville, Kansas, m. Marie Iseli.

Children:

Mary Ruth Conger
Frederick "

C C E F David Walton Conger b. 1907 Marysville, Kansas, d. Jan. 1, 1935, m. Theobel Faulk.

C C E G Bert Ephraim Conger, m. 1935.

C C E A Alta Ann Gill b. 1891, Herbert Tulley, reside Jerome, Idaho

Children:

Gilbert Tulley b. 1914
Doris " b. 1922

C C E B Effie Jane Gill b. 1898, m. 1921 Edward White.

Children:

Lois b. 1923
Sarah b. 1926

C D E B Hugh Conger b. 1888 Gibson, Ill, d. 1929, Melvin, Ill. m. Grace Woodard, d. May 30, 1910.

Child:

Harold Conger b. Nov. 3, 1909 in Chicago.

C D E C Jay Conger b. Mar. 4, 1890, farmer, m. Feb. 9, 1913, Anna Frederking b. Feb. 8, 1892, reside Sibley, Ill.

Children:

Marjorie Edythe b. Nov. 15, 1913, d. 1938, graduate of Sibley High School 1931
Waneeta Louse b. March 19, 1917, graduate of Sibley, Ill. High School and Illinois State Normal University. Teacher at Eureka, Illinois.
Weldon Jay b. Aug. 14, 1923, graduate of Sibley High School.

C D E D Clifford Conger b. Sept. 17, 1892, a farmer at Strawn, Ill. m. Barbara Fannin b. 1894.

Children:

Maxwell b. April 22, 1915, graduate of Strawn Ill. High School
Russell J. b. May 27, 1923, graduate of Strawn High School
Betty b. Oct. 27, 1925
Joan Bessie - Aug. 19, 1929

C D A A Cary R. Conger b. July 11, 1875, m. Dec. 25, 1900, Kathryn Hendryx, Elliott, Ill.

Children:

Ruth b. July 22, 1902, graduate of Carlock Ill. High School and Illinois State Normal University, teacher in Carlock, a pianist of ability.
Alden B. b. March 24, 1910
Doris Mona b. and d. 1915

C D A B Hattie b. March 1, 1878 d. 1923 Lexington, Ill. m. Feb. 1, 1899, Daniel Angspurger.

Children:

Vera Mae b. 1901
Gladdis Ethel b. 1907

C D A C Maud M. Conger b. Nov. 5, 1879, m. Sept. 6, 1899 at Gibson, Ill. E. E. Little d. 1938, Normal, Ill.

Child:

Loren Lee b. July 27, 1917, graduate of Normal Community High School. B. E. Ill. State Normal University. Teacher at Clinton Illinois High School.

C D A D Grace Conger b. Jan. 2. 1884, m. March 7, 1905 Daniel Stried.

Children:

A. Beulah
B Ruby
C Delmar b. 1920
D John Wm. b. 1923

C D A E Harvey M. Conger b. Nov. 6, 1886, m. March 12, 1908 Mary Ellen Fosdick, dau. Lillian b. Oct. 31, 1908.

C D A F Orval Conger b. Jan. 21, 1891. A World War Soldier in France, m. July 21, 1921, Gladys Hand.
dau. b. April 24, 1922
Reta Pauline, graduate of Normal Community High School Student at I. S. N. U., a violinist and competed in the National H. S. Music Contest at Indianapolis in 1939.

C D A G Russell W. Conger b. 1895. World War Soldier in France, m. Marie Barrett of Lexington, Ill.

Children

A Genevieve b. July 15, 1925
B Marylin Joyce b. Nov. 1, 1929

C D A H Artie Conger b. March 7, 1892, m. July 18, 1923 Cleveland Watkins, reside Normal, Ill.

C D E E Claude Conger b. Feb. 11, 1894 Harpster, Ill. d. March 7, 1924 Los Angeles, Calif. A soldier of the World War.

C D E F Chester Conger b. 1896, m. Jan 1, 1923 at Watertown, Iowa Keddie Wren.

Children:

Juanita Conger b. Oct. 4, 1923
Audrey Ann b. Aug. 10, 1930

C E B C Wiley Wilson, reside Utica, Ohio m. Dora Cunningham.

Children:

A Ruth
Hazel
Francis
Howard
Harold

C E B F Harris Wilson, Utica, Ohio, m. Elsie Good.

Children:

Harris, Jr.
Jean

C E D A Jay E. Conger b. Dec. 28, 1888, d. Feb. 22, 1920, m. Dec. 25, 1912 Glenna Tiebout.

Child:

Francis Conger b. Dec. 22, 1914 Nashport, Ohio

C E D B Blanche Conger b. Aug. 30, 1891, m. March 15, 1916 Bernard Warfel d. 1937.

Children:

Martha b. June 20, 1917, graduate of Hanover Ohio High School and Newark Business College. Employed in the A. A. A. Conservation office in Newark, Ohio.
George, Aug. 11, 1919, graduate Hanover High School
Mary, March 30, 1921 " " " "
Darlene, July 7, 1925
Mrs. Warfel is a pianist of ability.

C E D C Helen Conger b. Sept. 23, 1902 m. Nov. 9, 1927 Howard Sidle, reside Nashport, Ohio.

Children:

James Howard b. July 2, 1930
John G-a-i-us b. Nov. 10, 1933

C E E C Emmet F. Forgraves b. July 7, 1884 Newark, Ohio, m. Grace Thoma.

Child

Robert Foregraves

C E E D Gladys Forgraves b. 1896, m. John Carboy.

Children:

Helen b. 1918
Virginia Bell b. 1916

C E E E Clarence Forgraves b. June 5, 1900, m. May Roberts.

Child:

Jimmie Forgraves

C F B C Lynn R. Watson b. March 11, 1897 Anchor, Ill. Instructor in the high school at Franklin

Park, Illinois, graduate of Cropsey, Ill. High School B. E. Ill. State Normal University, M. S. Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Theta Alpha Phi. m. Aug. 19, 1922 Leona Abbey b. 1899, graduate of Cropsey High School, attended I. S. N. U. A descendant of captain Thomas Abbey of Revolutionary Service in Conn and Jonas Meeker Revolutionary soldier of New Jersey.

Children:

Betty Jean b. July 1924, graduate of Franklin Park High School
Elynor Ann b. Aug. 28, 1925
Janice Leona b. Oct. 20, 1926

C F C B Gladys Ellen Conger b. Dec. 23, 1893 Fletcher, Ill, m. March 19, 1913 Walter E. Rhea, graduate of Bloomington Illinois High School. Foreman in Standard Oil Plant, Whiting, Ind.

Children:

A Edson b. Apr. 5, 1914
B Shirley Louise, March 5, 1920
C Janice Ellen, b. July 14, 1921, graduate of Whiting Indiana High School, student at University of Kentucky at Bowling Green, Ky, a splendid violinist, placing first in the Middlewest National High School contest at Cleveland, Ohio in 1937 at Columbus, Ohio, in 1938 placed second and again first at Indianapolis, Ind. 1939. Her sister Shirley placed first in piano in 1937 and second in 1938.

C F C D Edith G. Conger b. Dec. 6, 1897 Fletcher, Ill. m. 1917 at Montrose, Iowa, Harold Galvand, a World War soldier in France, reside Lansing, Ill.

Children:

Virginia b. 1918, graduate of New London Iowa High School, attended Iowa Wesleyan University and

Illinois State Normal, now employed in Civil Service work, Baltimore, Maryland.
Loren b, 1920, graduate of Thorton Fractional High School, Calumet City, Ill.
John b. 1922, graduate of Thorton Fractional High School.

C F C E Blanche Jane Conger b. Feb. 11, 1900, d. Aug. 1934, m. 1920 Henry Lane, Pekin, Illinois.

Children:

Lynas b. Chicago, Ill. 1921, graduate Pekin High School
Marjorie b. " " 1923, graduate Pekin High School
Laura Louise b. 1926 Wichita, Kans.
Nalvere b. 1928, Peoria, Ill.
Ronald b. July 11, 1934 E. Chicago, Ind.

C F C F Aaron Harold Conger b. Oct. 29, 1902, graduate University High School, Normal, Ill. B. E. Ill. State Normal University, M. A. Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Principal of Roosevelt School, Bellwood, Illinois. Theta Alpha Ph. and Pi Kappa Delta Kappa, m. June 1, 1934 at Oak Park, Illinois Muriel Schock b, 1906 Chicago, graduate of Glen Bard High School, Glen Ellyn, Ill. and Chicago Ill. Teachers College.

C F C G Dorothy Conger b. April 29, 1906, Fletcher, Ill. m. Aug. 21, 1926 Jacksonville, Ill. Donald M. Hughes b. Dec. 12, 1904, Arlington, Ia. Lieutenant in Reserve Army, reside Seattle Washington.

Children:

1. Daniel Richard b. Aug. 7, 1927, Cincinnati, O. baptized St. James Episcopal Cathedral, Milwaukee, Wis.
2. Douglas Conger Hughes b. Aug. 29, 1929 Chicago, Ill. baptized Episcopal Church of Atonement Chicago.

3. David Aaron b. March 1, 1938, Chicago, Ill.
Jacquelin Gertrude April 1, 1939, Seattle, Wash.

C F G B Frank B. Parrish b. Oct. 28, 1908 Indianapolis, Ind. educated Shortridge High School and Butler University, both of Indianapolis. Phi Delta Theta, vocalist. Now with the Abe Lyman Orchestra of New York, Chicago, and Miami, Florida. m. Aug. 2, 1930 at Indianapolis Mary Edith Brossman b. 1910, educated Shortridge High School, University of Wisconsin and University of Maryland. Kappa Kappa Gamma. Daughter of Charles and Mary Dean Brossman descendant of John Dean and wife Alice who came from England 1637 and settled at Taunton, Mass. and Gustave A. Brossman and wife Emelie Froebel m. 1828 in Schleiz, Ger. to America 1829.

Children:

Mary Patricia b. July 4, 1931 Indianapolis
Frank B. b. Oct. 4, 1935 "
Winter home Miami, Florida
Summer home Artist Road, Nashville, Ind.

C F H A Helen Phillips b. Dec. 25, 1899. Holcomb, Ill. graduate of N. Ill. Teachers College, teacher, m. March 15, 1922.
1st Robert Vickers d. 1926
2nd Harry Sudds, contractor

Children:

Annabel Vickers - 1922
Robert Vickers 1923
Harriet Sudds 1935
Marilyn Sudds 1938

C F H B Margaret Ethel Phillips b. Aug. 11, 1901, graduate Rockford Illinois High School, m. Oct. 1927 George V. Wright, statistician with A. T. and T. located at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Wright is a descendant of Adrian Van Fleet who came from

Holland to New Amsterdam in 1662 with his wife and five children, a great-grand-son Cornelius and a direct ancestor of George Wright served in the Revolution in New Jersey.

Children:

Vernon b. Dec. 24, 1931
Gordon b. Aug. 10, 1933

C F H D Mildred Evelyn Phillips b. Jan. 14, 1906, m. 1923 Clarence Halsne, mechanic, Davis Junction, Ill.

Children:

Ellen b. Jan. 1926 d. Oct. 1926
Clarence, Jr. b. 1927
Roberta b. 1928
Patricia b. 1929
Marjorie Blanche b. 1931
Richard b. 1932
Glen b. 1934
Elizabeth Ann b. 1936
Dorothy Jane b. 1937
James Earle b. March 3, 1939

C F H C Cecil Conger Phillips b. Jan. 9, 1905 m. Oct. 1933, electrician, Harriet Hogan - Rockford, Ill.

Children:

Michael b. Sept. 1936
Susan Blanche b. Feb. 27, 1939

C H A A Lemuel C. McCall b. Sept. 7, 1777 Burr Oak, Kans. m. Jan. 1, 1908 Ethel Susanka, Essex, Iowa.

Children:

Helen Edna McCall b. Oct. 8, 1908 d. 1930
Wayne Richard b. March 8, 1912
Darwin Donnel McCall b. Feb. 17, 1920

C H A B Edna Mae McCall b. Aug. 8, 1883 m. Feb. 21, 1907 George Starr, reside Creston, Iowa adopted daughter Marjorie, graduate of Creston, Iowa High School and University of Iowa

C H H A Pearle Green b. m. Melvin Williamson, reside Idaho Springs, Colorado. Soldier in World War in France. In U. S. Forestry Government Work.

Child:

Joan, graduate of High School, Idaho Springs, Colo.

C H H B Marie Green, m. _____ Hotchkiss, reside Klamath Falls; Oregon.

C J A A Sarah Katherine Bartleson b. May 26, 1892 m. March 16, 1915 Macomb, Illinois, Ahart Hickman b. 1891.

Children:

A Fannie Louise Oct. 15, 1916
B Ruby Irene June 23, 1919

C J A B Marie Irene Bartleson b. Oct. 5, 1894 m. Jan. 30, 1912, reside Oklahoma.
1. J. C. Pearce d. May 4, 1930.
adopted dau.
Le June Ellen b. Aug. 26, 1919, m. Cleo Kehhart, son J. C.
2. Henry Clay Yowell.

C J A C Aaron Deane Bartleson - b. Jan. 5, 1898 m. 1917, reside Peoria, Ill. Nina Platt b. 1896.

Child:

Horatio Royal b. Nov. 18, 1918, graduate Peoria High School, a baseball player of note in Central Illinois, now with S. C. at Columbia.

C J A E Mary Maria Bartleson b. Sept. 5, 1903 m. 1923 Delbert E. Lansdown.

Children:

A. Mary Lillie b. and d. Oct. 15, 1924
B Marjorie Lee b. Nov. 16, 1925
C James Ervin b. Oct. 5, 1927

C J A D William Howard Bartleson b. May 1, 1900 m. Nov. 18, 1925 Edythe Sutton b. 1904, reside Moline, Ill.

Children:

A Edith Irene b. May 25, 1927
B George William b. July 14, 1929

C J B A Roderick Kenner b. Macomb, Ill. m. Bessie Watts.

Child:

Burdette b. 1918, graduate of Colchester High School, m. Aug. 1940 Helen Thurman.

C J B C William Kenner, m. Aurora, Ill. Mildred d. 1936.

Child:

Marilyn b. 1927

C J D A Lois May Lusk, m. Good Hope, Ill. Harry Giltmacher, son, Harold L. b. 1933.

C J F B Edwin Conger Miller, m. Roberta Anderson.

Children:

A Patsy Louise b. 1934
B Doris Ann b. 1937
C Mary Lynn b. 1938

C K A A Edna Laughlin b. Feb. 18, 1894 m. Sept. 16, 1935 at Yakima Washington Clarence Howell Wold War Soldier, Medical Corp Base Hospital, Ft. McArthur, San Pedro, Calif.

C K A B Lydia Laughlin b. July 8, 1897, m. Oct. 9, 1920 at Canyon City, Oregon Cedric Mascall.

Child:

Lennard b. Feb. 18, 1924, Ashland, Oregon

C K A C Willis Clyde Laughlin b. Sept. 22, 1898. World War Soldier Prot. No. 4589055, educated Benson Polytechnic Portland, Ore. m. Dec. 27, 1922 Grayce Herburger.

Children:

Briddie Mae b. Jan. 26, 1928
Willis Allen b. Sept. 1936, Dayville, Ore.

C K A D Erie Laughlin b. April 14, 1901, educated University of Oregon, m. 1936 Helen Samuels.
Jackie Lee b. 1937
John b. 1939, Mitchell, Oregon

C K A E Mary Anne Laughlin b. Jan. 15, 1906 m. April 1936 Frank Miller of Fossil, Ore, reside Canyon City, Ore. - a good pianist.

C K A F Lucille Laughlin b. Nov. 23, 1908 m. Dec. 30, 1928 at Mitchell, Ore. Chester Cummings, Secretary in State House, Salem, Ore.

Children:

Jan, b. 1935 Oct. 1.
Jill, b. 1938 Feb. 21.

C K C A Lola Barnhouse b. Aug. 16, 1907, m. Eldred Krupke, reside John Day, Ore, employed in bank at John Day, Ore.

C K C B Reber Barnhouse b. June 17, 1909, m. July 5, 1927 at Fossill, Ore. Hallie Roper.

Children:

Theodore Reber b. Dec. 23, 1931
James Allen b. April 10, 1930

C K C C Wilbur Barnhouse b. Mar. 17, 1912, d. Nov. 8, 1939, killed in an accident while branding cattle at his ranch home, Mitchell, Ore. m. Eula McMillan.

Child:

Jean b. 1937.

GENERATION XI

C A C D B Karl John Leary b. Aug. 25, 1908, Findley, Ohio, m. Feb. 13, 1932 Marcella Lillian Latchaer.

C A C A A Clyde Adair Galleher b. 1892, Aug. 29 in Ohio, m. Oct. 28, 1916 Beulah Auckerman.

Child:

Richard Adair Galleher b, July 7, 1918.

C B B B A Vivian Peace b. Sept. 8, 1907 Mercer Co. Mo. m. Nov. 30, 1929 William Hardy b. 1909. Mo.

C B B C A Evelyn Overton b. Dec. 4, 1910 Mercer Co. Mo. m. June 15, 1929, John Schreffler b. June 11, 1908, Harrison Co. Mo.

Child:

Noel Dean Schreffler b. and d. 1932.

C D E D A Maxwell Conger, b. Strawn, Ill. m. Bernice Huppert, Cropsey, Ill.

dau.

Roschelle Ann b. July 10, 1938.

C C A E A Kenneth Trosper b. May 12, 1902, m. March 18, 1924 Blanche Curter, Perryton, Texas.

Children:

Dwight b. 1926
Duane b. 1928
Carol b. 1930
Regina b. 1932

C C A E C Louise Trosper b. Sept. 24, 1904 m. Sept. 20, 1925 Earl West, a rodeo star of note in the Okla Panhandle. Won bareback riding in New York City in 1930 and 31, and same in London, Eng. 1934, steer-riding in Boston, 1932. Has many trophies.

Children:

Earlene b. 1926
Glen b. 1928

C C A E D George Trosper b. Oct. 10, 1907, m. Sept. 8, 1929 Bernice Allen,
dau.
Aranell b. 1930

C C A E B Bessie Trosper May 27, 1903, m. May 20, 1934 Samuel Shuey, Booker, Texas
dau.
Patricia

C D A B A Vera Mae Augspurger b. 1901, m. Jan. 7, 1926 Carl Andrew, reside Colfax, Ill.

C D A B B Gladdis Augspurger b. 1907, m. 1923.
1. _____ Sanders
2. Donald Steele

Children:

Chelsea Sanders, b. 1924 Nov. 27
Donna Joan Steele b. May 27, 1934
Shirley Ann b. Nov. 13, 1936

C D A E A Lillian C. Conger b. 1908, m. 1934 Lester Jenkins, son, Vernon Jerome b. July 8, 1936.

C D A D A Beulah Streid b. 1907, m. 1932 Ray Korener, Chenoa, Ill.

Children:

Duane Elwood b. 1933
Roger Ray b. 1937

C D A D B Ruby Pearl Streid b. 1913, m. 1934 Johnny Morrison, child, John Curtis b. 1936.

C F C B A Edson Rhea b. Apr. 5, 1914. Bloomington, Ill. graduate of Whiting, Ind. High School foreman in E. Chicago Steel Mills, m. 1936 Ann Hyducho.

Child:

Richard Darwin b. 1937

C F C B B Shirley Louise Rhea b. March 5, 1920, Chicago, Ill. graduate of Whiting Ind. High School, pianist of ability and accompanist for High School orchestra, winner of National High School Music Contests in 1937 and B 8, m. June 1, 1938 Victor Sabo, Whiting, Ind.

Child:

Victor John b. May 17, 1939

C J A A A Fannie Louise Hickman, m. Macomb, Ill. Jack Graham.

C J A A B Ruby Irene Hickman, m. John Lauretson
Dau.
Betty Lou b. and d. 1937.

A D C B B C J A A B A Bonnie Jean b. Dec. 13, 1940.

That the large Conger clan which John Conger founded in New Jersey and has spread to all parts of the U. S. are a patriotic group is vouched for by the information furnished by Charles L. Conger in his history in the Congressional Library. Four served in the Indian Wars in the service of the Colony of New York 1715. Four in the French and Indian War of 1759. Twenty-nine served in the Revolution, one in the Whiskey Rebellion in Pa. in 1794. Fifteen in the War of 1812. Five in the Mexican War and more than one hundred in the Civil War. Our World War boys of 1918 from Aaron Conger of Ohio are:

Edgar Conger - Macomb, Ill.
Ralph Conger - Marysville, Kans.
Claude Conger - Sibley, Ill.
Elzie Conger - " "
Orville Conger - Lexington, Ill.
Russell Conger - Lexington, Ill.
Clyde Laughlin - Mitchell, Oregon
Lynn Watson - Normal, Ill.
Melvin Williamson - Burr Oak, Kans.
Harold Galvand - Montrose, Iowa
Clarence Howell - Dayville, Ore. Medical Corp.

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Georgia Sayers
m.
Gordon Harris
dau.
Carol b. Dec. 18, 1940. ADCBBCCBBAAA
San Francisco, Calif.

This is the first child of the twelfth generation.

Harold Bolt Newark O.
John Estep Burr Oak Kans.
Ernest Pierson
Verne Hotchkiss

The two farm stories are written by my sister Clara A. Watson.

Story of an Ohio Farm - 1824 - 1870

Aaron Conger and his blue-eyed wife, Mary McVey Conger, who was of Scotch ancestry, moved from Pennsylvania to Licking County, Ohio, in the 1820's. This woman was very energetic and ambitious in a material way, but found little time for study or reading in the hard life of pioneer days.

The couple bought a tract of hilly, stony, timberland for a home. The young man had been a school teacher in Pennsylvania but found all the work he could do in making a home on the new land.

The first work necessary, was to provide shelter. Felling of trees and hewing of logs provided the material for house and out-buildings. After this was done, the stones with which the land abounded, were carefully gathered and used for building fences, a back breaking task.

A wonderful spring in a shallow ravine was an outstanding feature of the homesite. A spring house was built over it, and to this day, more than one hundred years later the spring furnishes all the water needed for this farmhouse.

Within twenty-five years following this marriage, twelve children were born. As they grew up each child assumed certain responsibilities. The sons all learned to chop down trees and hew them into logs; clear timberland, and split rails for fencing the farmland. They learned to build fences that were "horse-high, hog-tight, and bull-strong."

The oldest daughter learned the milliner trade and carried on a business in the home, which was far from a town of any size. The oldest son learned to repair boots and shoes. He provided a cobbler's bench and tools, which he used to keep the

family and neighbors in comfortable footwear. The third son learned to weave when he was thirteen years old. From that time until he was twenty-one, he did most of the weaving of the materials for the family clothing, including linen, woolen, and linsey-woolsey, a cloth made of both flax and wool.

The fireplace served for years for heat, light, and cooking. One or two members of the family assisted with the cooking, under the mother's supervision. Buckwheat cakes comprised the winter breakfasts. The buckwheat was grown on the farm; the butter, which fast disappeared with such a breakfast, was churned in the spring-house, where the flowing cold water kept the milk and cream, sweet and cold. Maple syrup, made from the sap of their own trees, was not a luxury, but an every-day food. Sorghum molasses, for eating and cooking, was always on hand, as sugar cane was one of the crops grown by the family. Honey was also a common food as the father kept bees, which found plenty of material to work on, in the clover with which the land was renewed, the buckwheat blossoms, and the blooms from the fruit trees.

The orchard set out by this young couple was bearing fruit in a few years. Apple, peach, pear, cherry, and small fruits made an assortment which was dried and preserved each year, until later, when the art of canning in tin cans sealed with sealing wax came into use. Vinegar was made from cider. A drying shed, with trays became an important adjunct to this busy home.

The flax and other small grains grown on the farm were cut with a cradle and threshed with a flail. All the materials used for clothing the family were spun and woven in the home. There were two spinning wheels, a large, and a small one. No doubt one was in use most of the daylight hours. The materials were dyed with walnut hulls and coperas.

The yarn for knitting the hosiery for the family was all spun and dyed by the mother, from the wool sheared from their own sheep.

The wheat was taken to mill on horseback. The miller's toll for grinding was taken out, the remainder of the flour put into the sack and carried home on the horse. The father, who became quite rheumatic in middle age, once let a sack of wheat fall off the horse. He was unable to put it back, so dismounted and sat on the wheat for several hours until someone happend along the little traveled road, and helped him with his burden.

In the garden and truck patch all kinds of vegetables were grown. These were stored, for winter use, in a cave or outdoor cellar. Apples and potatoes were buried in pits lined with straw and covered with dirt. Hominy was made from shelled corn, the hull being removed with lye, made from wood ashes. The same kind of lye, from the ash hopper, was used with refuse fats, to make the family soap. This was a semi-annual task.

The making of candles from melted tallow, poured into molds, in which candle-wicking had been fastened, was necessary in winter to enable the needle workers, knitters, spinners, and weavers, to spend the long evenings preparing the family clothing.

Of the twelve children in this family nine lived to maturity, married and reared families. These descendants, to the fifth and sixth generations, are now living in many parts of the United States, from New York to the Pacific Coast. All trades and professions are represented in the present living members. Most of the second generation became farmers. One son who was a successful farmer in the middle west often remarked that he learned soil fertility from his father, who knew how to renew the soil, on a poor clay farm in the Ohio hills, by the use of clover.

Once a year a wagon load of produce was hauled to Newark or Zanesville. This was sold or traded for supplies not grown on the farm. This load consisted of extra fleeces of wool, bolts of linsey-woolsey, linen, yarn, together with things grown on the farm, dried fruits, dressed poultry, and everything possible that was salable in the market.

As the years passed the older children went out into the world to make homes for themselves. They had been reared in an atmosphere of industry and thrift. Their parents were members of the Christian Church, having been Presbyterians who embraced the faith of Alexander Campbell, and who insisted on being called Campbellites.

Comforts unknown in the early days, were gradually added to the home. One luxury was a dulcimer, a musical instrument of the 50's, which the youngest daughter played skillfully. This provided amusement and entertainment, also developed talent in a naturally musical family.

The youngest son and daughter remained at home with their parents who continued to reside on the farm all their lives. The father was an invalid during the latter part of his 72 years. He suffered from a form of rheumatism which made him an almost helpless cripple. No doubt this was brought on by exposure and hard work. The mother lived three years after the death of her husband, enjoying fairly good health. She was able to visit her children in their homes in other mid-western states, within a year of her death in 1870.

The parents are buried in a picturesque spot in Licking County. Bell Church stands on a steep hill commanding an entrancing view in all directions. Winding roads from three sides lead to this beautiful "God's Acre." Here, with other relatives and friends, sleep Aaron and Mary McVey Conger, in a beautifully

kept country cemetery. A visit to this spot, by motor last summer, was an inspiration. The contrast with the days of horseback travel, affords satisfaction to one who enjoys dreaming of the past and visioning the future.

Clara A. Watson
Franklin Park, Ill.
December 1935

## An Illinois Farm
## 1860-1940

Since our system of hard roads has become universal, all who drive, enjoy fleeting glimpses of the beautiful farm homes.

Very few realize the years of labor required to make a home from the prairie. Most people can appreciate the labor involved in building houses and barns; also planting orchards, groves, and gardens, but the greater tasks are little understood.

The draining of the land was the greatest task our pioneer ancestors had to face. Next in order came the fencing of the fields.

The prairie townships of Central Illinois were the last to be settled. Those who came first hastened to secure the timberlands, because of the building materials and fuel, to be had for the labor of taking them.

In 1860, Aaron Harvey Conger, them a young man, bought an eighty-acre tract from the Illinois Central Railroad Company. This was in one of the sections given by the state to that company. In return the railroad was to be built the length of the state of Illinois from Cairo to Galena, paying the state a certain percent of its gross earnings so long as it should remain in operation.

The aforesaid young man was married in 1861 to Ellen Jane White, a daughter of a pioneer family, of Towanda township. They built a small house and stable on a high part of the land. These buildings were exposed to the beating sun of summer and the bleak winds of winter.

Breaking prairie, building fences, and digging ditches, occupied the daylight hours. Several low places on this land were ponds. Open ditches were dug to drain these sloughs.

A few years later an adjoining forty was purchased. This land was still lower with larger ponds. A large open ditch was necessary to drain the rich black soil, which was to produce the crops for which the Corn Belt is famous.

The permanent improvements for the home were made on this forty. Orchards were set out; all kinds of small fruit and beautiful shade trees. A two-acre grove of maple and walnut trees was grown from seeds, planted in 1870.

The hardest work in improving this land was the drainage necessary to make every acre tillable. As I think back, it seems to me that we had a constant procession of ditchers. Some came with mysterious machines and gangs of men. Once we had a crowd of men putting in a "blind ditch." This was long before the days of drain tile. There must have been some kind of an underground passage for the water, but always during a freshet there was water on top of the ground. Later (in 1876) when another eighty was acquired more ditching was necessary as this rich land was low, black, and wet.

Through the years that followed more ditchers continued their labors. After tile was invented, the enormous expense of tiling was something to be reckoned with. Large sizes were used for the main ditch with branches or laterals of smaller sizes. Seemed the needs for "another string of tile" was never-ending. One cousin, whose father was a large landholder, bewailed the expense of tiling. She said

"when the tile blooms we can have some of the things we want."

The present-day farmers must keep the outlets open and the broken tile repaired, but the huge task of draining belonged to the earlier generations. After the fields were tillable we found that many prairie flowers disappeared. A lovely bed of cowslips in our pasture, and the pussy willows in the Scott pasture, were entirely destroyed, to make way for cornfields. Red lilies, paint root, and shooting stars, which grew in our meadow near the schoolhouse were all gone.

The second hard problem on the prairie was fencing. People who owned timberland split rails and made fences, but no trees were avilable for our farms.

One pioneer in solving this dilemma was a man named D. D. Swett - a native of Maine. On an eighty, which became a part of our home, Mr. Swett grew hedge plants for sale. Imagine the task of planting the osage orange seeds. These were grown in rows and reaching a certain size, were dug and tied in bundles of one thousand plants. The two hundred acre Conger farms used many thousands of these plants for fencing the entire boundary, also for making cross fences. These were very slender switches with long fibrous roots. A back-breaking task to set out; and many years of labor before these fences made thick barriers. But a farm with well-trimmed hedges presented a fine appearance.

The owner finally acquired the one hundred twenty acre Scott farm adjoining. This had been under cultivation since 1862 and was fenced and tiled by Mr. Scott during the '70's and 80's.

After the invention of wire fencing and steel posts all this hedge was removed, another hard task. Traction engines were used to pull out the enormous hedge roots, much larger than a man's body. Could anyone ever believe that these enormous chunks were little switches? The cavernous pits were filled, the

ground leveled, then the wire fences were built. This removed the last bit of waste land which was under the hedge rows.

Could our pioneer ancestors have dreamed of the mechanized farming of today? Electricity in the home and outside has changed the status of the farm. What improvements will the next three generations make?

1940-2020?

Clara A. Watson

Soldiers In World War II
AUG. 1943

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| Russell Conger | Strawn Ill. |
| Sgt Hubert Phillips | Holcomb ILL: |
| Loren Golvond | Lansing ILL. |
| John Golvond | Lansing ILL. |
| Leonard Mac call | Dayville Ore; |
| Robert Vickers | Hazel Crest Ill. |
| James H. Miller | Good Hope ILL. |
| James T. Lusk | : : : |
| Ray T. Lusk | : : : |
| Loren Leo Little | Normal ILL. |
| Delmar Herald | Chenoa Ill; |
| John T. Herald | : : |
| John Harper | Hazel Crest Ill; |
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